

A Town-hall style meeting was held at St. Elisabeth's to discuss the desires and needs of the church master plan. All members of the parish were invited; approximately seventy people attended. The meeting was led by Carter Hord and also attended by Anne Lorenz, Matthew Lee and Jeff Holt of Hord Architects.

**Worship:**

- First phase should include a permanent worship space.
- Focal point of parish is worship. It is the reason why they gather.
- Called to gather. Need a place to gather together.
- Want it to look and feel like a church. The most important thing they do is worship.
- Some would like a pipe organ in phase one. Others thought the organ could follow at a later phase.
- Acoustical condition of the space is very important
- Sound equipment should be heard not seen. Some equipment already owned. Parish contact in file.
- Narthex is needed. This could be more than a vestibule, coffee, etc. could be served.
- Prominent baptismal font, placement still under discussion.
- Utilize natural light. Consider sun angles of building, use of stained glass.
- Some of old stained glass in storage, could be reused (not necessarily in worship space.)
- Worship space should feel open, with nature visible from inside.
- Would like the worship space to be open with natural light, yet consideration should be made for candle lit services where darkness is desired.
- Provide thoughtful consideration of views.
- Be mindful of building location and window design to prevent unwanted sunlight and car headlights from interfering with people's views.
- Old church was known as the 'church on the hill.' Explore opportunities of positioning of church.
- Vaulted Ceilings. Reference made to Fay Jones.
- Elevated platform is needed.
- The building should look like and feel like a church, not a conference center.
- The building should relate to nature. The design should be natural, a part of the landscape.

**Choir Spaces:**

- Choir needs a back, discrete exit that would lead to restrooms. Able to enter/exit without disrupting worship. Restroom could be in the sacristy.
- Choir space needs to be easily accessible, ideally on the first floor.
- Flexibility to have choir in two different formations, as part of the congregation and in daily-office model (in Chancel, facing each other).
- Choir needs dedicated space to robe. A dedicated choir room would be nice as well, but definitely need robing space.

- Choir director needs an office, place to plan and store music.
- Robing can be combined with an office and music library. Need shelving for music, table space for filing music, and an upright piano. Room may double as a meeting room.

### **Outdoor Spaces:**

- Would like to utilize exterior spaces
- Protected area for children to play outside
- Columbarium
- An outdoor covered space with outlets and water supply, possible gazebo or pavilion.
- Site needs to have selective removal of vegetation.
- Memorial garden
- Area for wedding photos.

### **Building Construction and Placement:**

- Careful consideration of symbiotic relationship to St. Columba. One neighbor that will remain, would like to relate to them architecturally.
- Building should look like it belongs in setting.
- Drainage should be carefully thought out.
- 'Green' Thinking, would like a sustainable building. Consider energy usage, permanence. Explore energy alternatives.
- Phase One needs to be carefully considered as a separate entity, since it will stand alone for several years. Need to be mindful of what is communicated to the community, who they are and what they stand for. Worship should be clear.
- Easily maintained building, that can be taken care of by the parish not professionals.
- Elderly need to enter/exit building easily during inclement weather, not necessarily a primary entrance, may be secondary.
- Water supply for old church was undersized; not adequate for full use of facilities. New facility needs water supply designed to appropriately accommodate all phases.
- Include security system for staff.
- Offices should be easy to find.

### **Additional Program:**

- A kitchen of some sort needs to be included in the first phase. If possible, a commercial kitchen is desirable.
- A large dining room is needed
- Would like the building to be accessible to the community, a possible emergency shelter.

- Office space needed with good security for the staff. Offices should be easily found by visitors. Office should have view to visitor parking.
- Would like to assist young mothers. Cry room or Nursery desired.
- Pipe audio/video of services to cry room or nursery.
- Need a very nice nursery. Important to joining members of parish.
- In Phase two, would like showers to accommodate groups, possible travelers. Outdoor camp showers a possible option.
- A multi-use room, for bridal room, possibly for photographs.
- Consider a chapel in long-term master plan.
- Youth room, for Sunday School and youth activities. Young people need a place of their own. This is a higher priority.
- Education classrooms should be multi-use, could be used as meeting rooms.
- Need dedicated spaces for storage.
- Youth room could have a creative theme, that is youth-inspired.